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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

PHUC T. DANG

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on election filed on March 27, 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 41-72 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 41-72 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 032904.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Restriction/Election

1. Applicant's election filed with traverse of the invention of Group I (claims 41-54) on March 27, 2006 is acknowledged.

The traverse is on the ground(s) that the search would allegedly not cause undue burden of search for Examiner. This is found persuasive, therefore, the requirement for Restriction/Election has been withdrawn from the last Office action filed on February 22, 2006.

Claims 41-72 are currently pending in the application.

Oath/Declaration

2. The oath/declaration filed on February 19, 2004 is acceptable.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The office acknowledges receipt of the following items from the applicant:

Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on March 29, 2004.

Specification

4. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:
 - i) On page 6, paragraph 2, line 7, "FIG.5C.." should change to -- Fig.5C --.
 - ii) On page 6, paragraph 3, line 6, "FIG.8A.." should change to -- Fig.8A --.
 - iii) On page 6, paragraph 3, line 7, "FIGs.7A-E and 8A.." should change to -- Figs.7A-E and 8A --.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 41-72 are allowed.

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The following is a statement of reason for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Claims are considered allowable since the prior art of record and the considered pertinent to the applicant's disclosure does not teach or suggest a middle conductive layer connecting cut ends of the middle resistive layer wherein the middle conductive layer overlies the bottom conductive layer and underlies the top conductive layer and wherein the middle conductive layer loops around the contact/via stacks, wherein the middle conductive layer overlies the bottom conductive layer and underlies the top conductive layer.

Prosecution on the merit is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex Parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

When responding to the Office action, Applicants' are advice to provide the Examiner with the line numbers and page numbers in the application and/or references cited to assist the Examiner to locate the appropriate paragraphs.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phuc T. Dang whose telephone number is (571) 272-1776. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 am-5:00 pm.

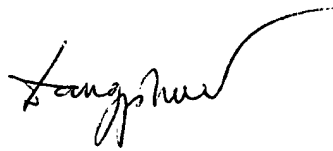
7. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David C. Nelms can be reached on (571) 272-1787. The fax phone numbers for the organization

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where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9306 for regular communications and After Final communications.

8. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0956.

Phuc T. Dang

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phuc T. Dang', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Primary Examiner

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